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The coalition strikes led by the US on Syria have accounted to more than 500 deaths, out of which most were militants. The fighting had started last month in the northern border of Syria in the town of Kobani. The Syrian observatory for human rights based in the United Kingdom relies on a network of activists who are on the ground at the moment. According to their reports, 553 people have been killed so far since the airstrikes had started on September 23. Among the killed were 32 civilians who also included five women and six children.

The group of British activists said that they had documented 464 deaths of the fighters in the fight with the Islamic State Group (IS) while another 57 were killed in riots against the Al-Qaeda linked Nusra Front. They added that a large number of the Islamic State fighters had already been killed in or near Kobani as a result of the massive jihadi offense. The IS fighters have in turn captured dozens of villages that surround the Kurdish area while over 200,000 people have already been forced to flee the area. These refugees have been seeking help in Turkey.

These airstrikes have been a part of the continued resistance against the ISIL on the ground and have been effective at slowing down their advances into the city. The airstrikes have also been effective with killing hundreds of ISIL fighters while also destroying much of their machinery and other pieces of combat. On Thursday, the chief of staff Faud Hussein told the associated press that the government plans to send an additional 150 fighters to the Kobani through Turkey in the coming days. He added that they will be taking back the lighter weapons soon, while all the weapons will be taken back once the war is over.

According to an associated press journalist on the Turkish side of the border, the heavy machine gun fire can easily be heard from Kobani. He said that the fight has been one of the longest clashes in Kobani. Capturing Kobani will give the Islamic State a direct link between its positions in the Aleppo province in Syria. It already does have control over the huge stretch of a territory spanning all the way from Iraq-Syria border to the East.

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